

Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB-63 for Paid Sick Days
Labor and Public Employees Committee

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Testimony for Labor Committee Hearing on Paid Sick Days Legislation:

It is very important that you vote for paid sick days legislation this year.

I am currently not working due to an injury but for the past 20 years I have had a union job as a roofer, and have not had paid sick days. As a foreman, I hear about many of the worker's problems such as having to come into work sick.

My field of work is very dangerous; often we work on large skyscrapers and do heavy-duty work, yet when someone is sick they are still expected to come in to work. Not only is coming into work sick dangerous for the workers, but they are putting the health of their coworkers at risk.

I have had guys come into work with fevers because they cannot afford to lose a day's worth of pay. Many of my coworkers and I are supporting families, and with the harsh economic climate it is especially difficult to lose any money from a paycheck. We have families to support, bills to pay, and children to feed and take care of.

Having paid sick days is extremely important to workers in order stay healthy and safe, therefore I urge you to support this legislation. Thank you in advance for your attention on this issue.

Sincerely,

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